## Executive Proclamation State of South Dakota

## Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Clear Lake, South Dakota, a lovely little community in central Deuel County, is a direct descendant of a little store and post office that homested or P. J. Umbrite built about 1880. He called It Deuel Center; and,

WHEREAS, The west side of Main Street in Clear Lake sits on land homesteaded by George W. Small and Charles S. Grover. The east side was railroad land; and,

WHEREAS, Ultimately, it was the railroad, on its trek from Ellsworth, Minnesota, to Watertown, South Dakota, that pumped life into the then tiny town; and,

WHEREAS, Before the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern Railroad came through Clear Lake in 1884, the town consisted of one building--a God shanty south of where the hospital now stands; and,

WHEREAS, The town's first depot was a box car. Coal would be dumped on the ground and then sold to those who were tired of burning twisted hay; and,

WHEREAS, Clear Lake was incorporated as a city in 1901, there were 85 eligible voters in 1893, the city voted to allow saloons in 1897, and telephone lines came to town in 1898; and,

WHEREAS, The change has been monumental throughout the town's first one hundred years, for today Clear Lake is a progressive community that continues to grow; and,

WHEREAS, In addition to nearly one hundred retail and service establishments, Clear Lake has modern recreational facilities, a thirty member volunteer fire department, and its own National Guard unit; and,

WHEREAS, The community pride of towns like Clear Lake contributes greatly to the high quality of life in South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, This summer, Clear Lake is celebrating its first one hundred years with memorable festivities and commemorations:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 29 - July 1, 1983, as

CLEAR LAKE CENTENNIAL DAYS

ATTEST:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Three

WILLIAM J. JANTALOW, GOVERNOR

ICE KUNDERT. SECRETARY OF STATE

NAMED AND THE RESIDENCE AND ASSESSED ASSESSED.